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BITCOIN TO LAUNDER

2 Ten men suspected of using the digital currency Bitcoin to launder up to $22 million of criminal money made from online drug deals have been arrested in the Netherlands, Dutch prosecutors said on Wednesday. The men, described as all in their 20s and with Dutch nationality, were arrested on Tuesday in coordinated raids on 15 locations around the country, said spokeswoman Valentine Hoen of the country's Fiscal Information and Investigation Service. REUTERS

ACCUSED VEGAS DRIVER

3 An Oregon woman accused of plowing into pedestrians on the Las Vegas Strip faces dozens of additional charges, including attempted murder, in connection with the Dec. 20 incident, a Nevada judge said at a hearing on Wednesday. Lakeisha Holloway, 24, is charged with 71 counts, including murder. REUTERS

SCRABBLE TOURNAMENT

7 Eighth-graders Antoine Salienkham and Joyce Li play against Rafi Mills in the ASAP Scrabble Winter Classic Tournament at the School District headquarters in Philadelphia on Wednesday.

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STRANGLING CASE

4 A Philly veteran, who claims he suffers from PTSD, was given a sentence of 18 to 26 years in prison for strangling a prostitute, the Philadelphia Inquirer reported. The 2012 incident reportedly happened after the 43-year-old vet, Larry Rodriguez, went on a crack cocaine and drinking binge. MATT LEEE

PUERTO RICO DEBT

5 U.S. Treasury Secretary Jack Lew said that while the Obama administration was ready to do all it could to help debt-ridden Puerto Rico, only Congress could deliver truly effective change. Lew, speaking in San Juan where he met with the island's governor Alejandro Garcia Padilla, last week urged Congress to urgently pass legislation by the end of March to help the island, struggling with $70 billion debt. He has called for legislation to allow Puerto Rico to restructure its debts paired with independent fiscal oversight. REUTERS

ALLENTOWN CORRUPTION

6 The city council of Allentown is expected to vote on Wednesday on a resolution expressing "no confidence" in Mayor Ed Pawlowski and urging him to resign as an FBI corruption investigation swirls around city hall. All seven city council members co-sponsored the non-binding resolution, which would draw a line between Pawlowski, who has been mayor of Pennsylvania's third-largest city for 10 years, and the rest of the city's government. MATT LEE

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BRIEF

Two Democrat Supreme Court judges received 'Porngate' emails

Two more Supreme Court justices may have received offensive emails similar to those that led to the recent suspension of one of their colleagues and resignation of another.

Justices Kevin Dougherty and Max Baer also received offensive emails, the Inquirer reported Wednesday.

The emails were reportedly sent by Justice Seamus McCaffery, who retired in 2014 after the Porngate scandal first began to break as Attorney General Kathleen Kane unveiled in court documents the offensive, pornographic and racist emails she discovered being swapped by judges, lawyers and cops on state email accounts.

Justice Michael Eakin suspended by the state's Judicial Conduct Board last month after they reviewed emails he received on his private Yahoo account.

The Inquirer reported Dougherty and Baer received emails from McCaffery between 2008 and 2010 that included offensive jokes that criticized immigrants, people of color, and welfare recipients. According to the Inquirer, one included a picture of a black man in colorful clothing and was captioned "pimpin." Both judges allegedly received a message that bashed illegal immigrants.

Dougherty allegedly received three emails while on the bench in Family Court; Baer, a sitting justice, allegedly received 10 while on the Supreme Court.

Both are Democrats. Eakin and McCaffery were Republicans.

A state courts spokesman did not immediately respond to Metro's request for a comment.

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Cottrell PROVIDED

Delco man charged in Web scam

Vincent Cottrell allegedly hijacked a construction company website and pretended to be a contractor.

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Despite having paid nearly event cent back to a family he bilked for $52,000, a Delaware County man is facing jail time for his Internet scams.

Delaware County District Attorney Jack Whelan announced charges of theft against 39-year old Vincent Cottrell of Drexel Hill on Wednesday.

Whelan said Cottrell scammed homeowners James and Patricia Blaney into thinking he owned the J.D. Kelly Corporation, a contracting company they found on the Internet that offered construction services.

According to the criminal complaint, in July of 2014, the Blaneys went searching on the Internet for a construction firm to build an addition onto their home in Drexel Hill and found a contractor named J.D. Kelly Corporation.

Whelan said Cottrell stole the identity of J.D. Kelly Corporation, took control of the contractor's website, replaced the phone and posed as the president and CEO.

"They knew all the red flags had gone up and they knew they had an issue with the contractor, they finally terminated services," said Whelan.

"Most of these cases don't result in the contractor paying back the homeowner, but in this case, the contractor did make payments to the homeowner. Nevertheless, because of his egregious actions, and stealing the identity of J.D. Kelly and tricking [the Blaneys] into believing he was J.D. Kelly, without doing any work whatsoever, we decided to prosecute him.

"Once you rob the bank, whether you give the money back or not, the crime has already been committed," said Whelan.

"The Blaneys are very happy we're prosecuting this matter and happy to obtain restitution money."

Cottrell is also charged with identity theft and theft by deception. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for Feb. 2.

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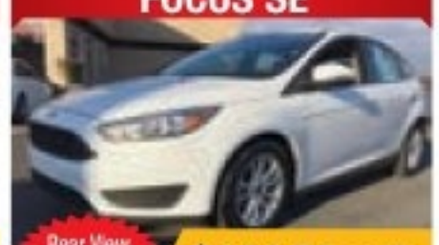
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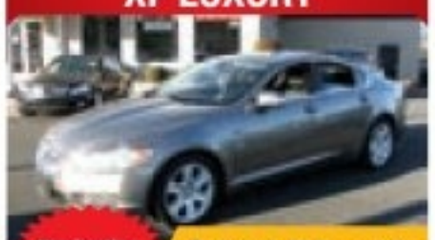
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SEVERE SNOWSTORM

Bolaris' Weather Watch

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As this goes to print, computer models are converging on a high-impact winter storm that will strike the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic starting for the Northeast corridor by day's end Friday and then working its way into New York City by Friday night and finally into Boston by early Saturday morning.

The bull's-eye seems to pointing toward D.C. to Philly to New York City and New Jersey with the potential for a severe impact. There is still the question of just how much of an impact will be felt into Boston, as models still diverge on the exact northern extent of this soon-to-be-intense nor'easter. Blizzard watches are already flying across our nation's capital, as it will get whacked first and possibly the hardest.

This is what we do know as of 1 p.m. Wednesday (this will be refined and adjusted as we get closer to crunch time).

The set-up:

By Friday morning a rapidly intensifying storm will be taking shape somewhere along the North Carolina coastline. An arctic high will be funneling down cold air into the system at the same time the Gulf Stream helps to fuel the storm, with a rapidly expanding heavy snow, sleet and rain shield moving north.

Gird your backs and break out your shovels. NICOLAUS CZARNECKI

Snow will arrive in the D.C. region during the afternoon Friday.

Snow will arrive in Philadelphia by the evening commute (between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.).

Snow will arrive in NYC between 9 p.m. and midnight.

Snow will arrive in Boston by daybreak Saturday.

The best chances of snow mixing with rain and sleet will be from the I-95 corridor and points east.

If the storm reaches its full potential, 1 to 2 feet of snow could fall along or just west of the I-95 corridor from D.C. to Philly to New York City. Boston should remain all snow.

The best chances of 12+ will be from just west of Philly to just northwest of New York City, and D.C.

Coastal sections, especially the New Jersey and Delaware coastlines, will experience major tidal flooding, major beach erosion,

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Impact on Philadelphia

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- 12+ inches especially just west of the I95 corridor.
- 1-2 feet possible across parts of Chester, Montgomery, and Bucks counties.
- Mixing with sleet and rain, possible changing to rain for awhile from I-95 and points east.
- Any mix will change back to snow during the day or by evening on Saturday.
- All snow likely for Saturday night through Sunday morning.
- Major tidal flooding, beach erosion for all shore locations.
- Storm force winds to more than 50 mph
- Power outages will take place
- Storm arrives late Friday, moves away by late Sunday

and winds that will gust to storm force 50+ mph (storm force = 39 mph).

Coastal sections will experience heavy, wet snow changing to wind-driven rain, and then back to snow before generally ending Sunday later in the day and at night farther north.

The storm will be an unusually long duration of at least 48 hours of high-impact weather.

Blizzard conditions likely for the Northeast corridor. Visibilities will drop to whiteout conditions.

The major cities along the I-95 corridor (except Boston) should see at least some mixing of rain and sleet and possibly a changeover to all rain for a time, before changing back to snow. This will cause considerable differences in the heavy snow amounts.

Power outages will be common.

Tree limbs will snap.

More updates and fine-tuning of the storm's impact will be made as new guidance comes in.

I would strongly suggest for you to be where you want to be no later than 5 p.m. Friday as travel will eventually get shut down if this pending nor'easter reaches its full potential.

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Experts argue for women to have easier access to pill

How easy it is — or not — for women to get it in the U.S.

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Whether it's a vacation abroad, a semester at sea or simply a night on the town and you forgot — obtaining birth control is not so easy for women in the United States — as it is in some other countries.

Laws exist, opinions vary, and questions remain as to why women can only get certain types of birth control once a month or for a few months at a time, and if and how that can be changed.

Mark DeFrancesco is president of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) and has a lot to say about state laws allowing pharmacists to prescribe oral contraceptives.

"Birth control is an essential part of women's health care, and over-the-counter status would help more women benefit from the ability to control their own reproductive health," he said.

"Of course, decades of use have proven that oral contraceptives are safe for the vast majority of women and that they are safer than many other medications that are already available over the counter."

"This is not going to allow us to reach women who remained underserved by the current prescribing requirements."

"Birth control is an essential part of women's health care."
DeFrancesco

Dr. Vanessa Cullins, vice president for external medical affairs from Planned Parenthood, said that a woman who is planning a trip or a big move, or to be away from her doctor for an extended period of time, should check in with her health care provider beforehand about any needed prescriptions.

Depending on where you live, you might be eligible for a six- to 12-month supply of prescription birth control. Cullins suggests checking with your doctors to see if that's a possibility.

"There are many contraceptive options for women, and all come with different benefits and risks," she said.

"It's important that you talk with your health care provider about which method may be best for you, your life, and the demands of your schedule. Women who are worried about their access to birth control — whether because they're traveling or simply unable to get to a pharmacy regularly — might want to consider using a long-acting reversible birth control like an IUD or implant."

Cullins said these types of contraceptives don't require men or women to remember to do something regularly to prevent getting pregnant — like take a pill, slap on a patch or roll on a condom. They also offer protection against unplanned pregnancy for three, five or up to 12 years.

"Many women like not having to remember to take a pill every day or switch out a ring every month," said Cullins.

"Once an IUD or implant is inserted, you can pretty much just forget about it."

According to the ACOG, last month, Oregon became the first state to extend birth control prescribing rights to pharmacists. The ACOG doesn't think that goes far enough.

Birth control pills FILE PHOTO

"Requiring a pharmacist to prescribe and dispense oral contraceptives only replaces one barrier — a physician's prescription — with

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another," said DeFrancesco.

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Militants storm Pakistan university, kill at least 20

The violence shows that militants retain the ability to launch attacks, despite a country-wide anti-terrorism crackdown and a military campaign against their strongholds along the Afghanistan border.

Policemen stand beside blood on the floor at Bacha Khan university following the attack. GETTY IMAGES

Armed militants stormed a university in volatile northwestern Pakistan on Wednesday, killing at least 20 people and wounding dozens a little more than a year after the massacre of 134 students at a school in the area, officials said.

A Pakistani Taliban commander claimed responsibility for the assault in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province, but an official spokesman later denied involvement, calling the attack "un-Islamic."

A security official said the death toll could rise to as high as 40 at Bacha Khan University in the city of Charsadda. The army said it had concluded operations to clear the campus six hours after the attack began, and that four gunmen were dead.

A spokesman for rescue workers, Bilal Ahmad Faizi, said 19 bodies had been recovered including students, guards, policemen and at least one teacher, named by media as chemistry professor Syed Hamid Husain. Husain reportedly shot back at the gunmen with a pistol to allow his students to flee.

Many of the dead were apparently shot in the head execution-style, TV footage showed.

The militants, using the cover of thick, wintry fog, scaled the walls of the university Wednesday morning before entering buildings and opening fire on students and teachers in classrooms and hostels, police said.

> *"We were told by teachers to leave immediately. Some people hid in bathrooms."*
>
> A male student

Students told media they saw several young men wielding AK-47 guns storming the university housing where many students were sleeping.

"They came from behind and there was a big commotion," an unnamed male student told a news channel from a bed in Charsadda's District Hospital.

Thirty five of the wounded remain in hospital, a local police official said late Wednesday.

The gunmen attacked as the university prepared to host a poetry recital Wednesday afternoon to commemorate the death anniversary of Khan Abdul Ghaffar Khan, a popular ethnic Pashtun independence activist after whom the university is named.

Vice Chancellor Fazal Rahim told reporters the university teaches over 3,000 students and was hosting an additional 600 visitors for the poetry recital. REUTERS

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Researchers: Possible planet beyond Neptune

Artist's rendering shows the distant view from "Planet Nine" back toward the sun, in this handout photo provided by the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) in Pasadena, California. CALTECH/IPAC HANDOUT

The solar system may host a ninth planet that is about 10 times bigger than Earth and orbiting far beyond Neptune, according to research published Wednesday.

Computer simulations show the mystery planet, if it exists, would orbit about 20 times farther away from the sun than Earth, said astronomers with the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena.

So far, the planet has not been observed directly.

"It's a pretty substantial chunk of our solar system that's still out there to be found, which is pretty exciting," astronomer Mike Brown said in a statement.

The research is published in this week's Astronomical Journal. REUTERS

BRIEF

Russian space agency scales back plans as crisis shrinks budget

Russia will spend 30 percent less on its space program in the next decade and scale back a slew of projects to save money in the face of tanking oil prices and a falling rouble, a plan presented by the country's space agency showed Wednesday,

According to the blueprint, presented to Russian media by Igor Komarov, head of space agency Roscosmos, the space program budget for 2016-2025 will be cut to 1.4 trillion roubles ($17.36 billion), down from 2 trillion rubles.

That means plans to launch a manned flight to the moon will be pushed back five years — to 2035 from 2030 — and development of a reusable space rocket meant to be built by 2025 will, for now, be abandoned.

"Russia is certain to implement this project, but at the moment the launch of a booster rocket with a reusable first stage is not economically viable," local media cited Komarov as saying.

A Roscosmos spokesman told Reuters the agency would return to the matter after 2025.

The U.S. has already successfully tested similar vehicles. Re-using the first stages of rockets designed to return to Earth after launch would make commercial rocket launches cheaper.

A cosmodrome under construction in Russia's Far East will also suffer under the slimmed-down program. It will now get only one launch pad instead of the two originally planned. REUTERS

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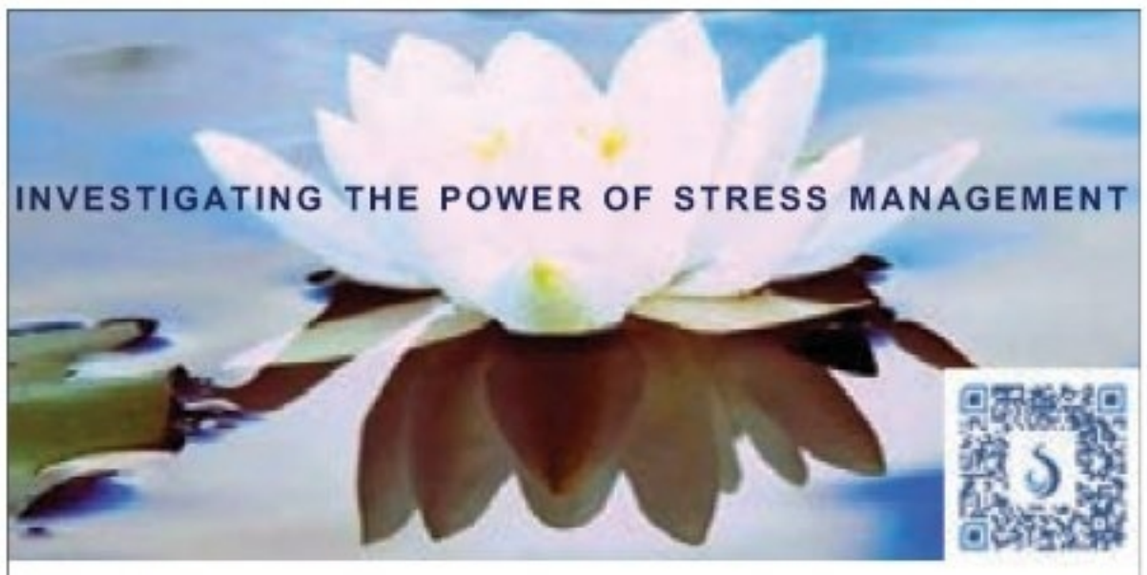

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Pals say Miley Cyrus and Liam Hemsworth are doomed

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All signs point to Miley Cyrus barreling right back into her relationship with ex-fiancé Liam Hemsworth, and her friends aren't thrilled. First the exes spent the holidays together with his family in Australia, then she started sporting her engagement ring again just as she was spotted driving a U-Haul over to his Malibu home. So what could possibly go wrong? According to her friends, who think Cyrus is crazy and the relationship is "doomed," a whole lot. "Liam already broke Miley's heart once, and a lot of people around her are warning her that he will do it again," a source tells Radar Online. "But she is not listening to anyone right now."

But friends be damned, how are things going over in Hemsworth-Cyrus Land? "They needed time apart to realize how much they love each other and want to be together. They've lived a lot in the last year few years and think things will be different," a source tells E! News. "They wanted to work on rebuilding things before they went public. They are both very happy about where things are and going to see what happens." Sure, why not?

Katie Holmes not a fan of the Internet

What did Katie Holmes learn from playing a woman with bipolar disorder in her new film, "Touched With Fire?" That the Internet is terrible. Wait, hear me out on this. As the former Mrs. Tom Cruise explains to More magazine, "I gained a greater empathy for people who are struggling with mental illness" while making the film, due out next month. "Before the movie, I'd hear something about it and think, 'Wow. But that's over there.' Unfortunately, we're quick to judge, especially in this day of social media and the Internet — which I think is an ugly-maker. Everybody looks ugly when they're on the Internet. But I wouldn't want to live a flat life, with no pain." Actually, Ms. Holmes, I'll have you know that some people look really, really cute on the Internet, so stop judging. But I will concede that "ugly-maker" is a great phrase, if a bit of a Mentos ripoff.

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Tyra Banks' 'FABLife' canceled after one season

It looks like Tyra Banks' latest daytime venture, "The FABLife," couldn't really survive without her, as two months after she announced her departure, Disney-ABC Domestic Television is canceling, according to the Hollywood Reporter. "We're extremely proud of everyone involved with the show," company President Janice Marinelli says. "We are especially appreciative of our talented and dynamic co-hosts Chrissy Teigen, Joe Zee, Leah Ashley and Lauren Makk." But it would've been better if Banks were still doing it, right? Hey, maybe Banks knew something we didn't.

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Spilling secrets on 'London Spy'

Novelist Tom Rob Smith reveals his unique approach to TV drama and intrigue.

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British writer Tom Rob Smith makes his first foray into writing for television with the twisting, mysterious "London Spy," about a young Londoner (Ben Whishaw) whose hunt for the truth behind his lover's murder opens a web of intrigue leading to British intelligence giant MI6. So what's the secret to crafting a good mystery? A good love story, according to Smith.

Ben Whishaw tries to unravel a mystery in "London Spy," premiering tonight at 10 p.m. on BBC America. LAURENCE CENDROWICZ

Second chances

The series just wrapped up in the U.K. Is it strange to have it launching again so soon for a new audience over here?

It's the same, actually, with books. They're always staggered. The truth is, they're completely unpredictable. But I think the process of discovery is really exciting. I always hope that people fall in love with it and it will do really well, so there's that feeling of great optimism at the beginning. And since it worked out in the U.K., I'm hoping it will get replicated.

Your first work, "Child 44," was a novel adapted into a movie. How did making this, which was a TV series from the start, change your approach to the material?

I didn't have any TV experience, but I knew that I wanted to tell the story and I knew it was TV. I knew it wasn't film, and I also knew it wasn't a book. It's first-person narrative through the eyes of the main character, played by Ben Whishaw, but he didn't go to university. He's an ordinary guy working a kind of dead-end job. He was never going to write it down or have a voice that would work on the page. He's a visual character. So I knew it was going to be TV.

Is that a kind of intuition, knowing what each story is meant to be first?

Yeah, I think it is. Afterwards you can pick apart why you thought that was the case, but there certainly is a gut feeling. A book I'm working on now — which will take forever because it's enormous — probably could be something else, but it needs to be a book first, and I can't quite explain it.

How did you approach telling this story over several episodes?

One of the things I love about TV is you have more time. The conventional story — your partner is murdered and you take on the question of who murdered them — has been told countless times. With this, we have enough time to work out what their love story is without it being a shorthand. Love stories aren't all the same — we fall in love for completely different reasons. I wanted to understand that these two people were both lost for very different reasons. I wanted us as an audience to really connect with them before we ripped them apart.

What about getting into the MI6 world for this?

There were two central mysteries at the heart of it: First, what happened? Was he murdered or was he actually involved in these sexual practices and did he go wrong? The second question is, who was he? Often in these stories, the lover is kind of a fixed point, unchanging throughout the whole thing. But I wanted that character to change across the series. In this investigation that Ben goes on, he gets closer to the person through all the different elements of who they are. That was the second part of the mystery, because I think that people are a mystery that we encounter every day.

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Welcome to the Drake

Delays moving to a new home means InterAct opens the season with its riskiest show.

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In a typical season, InterAct Theatre Company dedicates at least half its productions to new work, a risk-taking strategy that has come to be one of the company's defining factors. But after 18 years at the Adrienne, InterAct is moving this season to its new home at the Drake and decided to play things a bit safer: Just one new work in a four-play season, to accompany its big move with a less stressful, more proven commodity.

Things didn't quite work out that way. Construction delays necessitated a juggling of the schedule, meaning that the season started not last fall with George Brant's "Grounded," which had been tested in an off-Broadway production directed by Julie Taymor and starring Anne Hathaway. Instead, the theater's unveiling will now come with "#therevolution," the season's sole world premiere.

"We wanted to have a slightly less risky season so that we could concentrate on other things," shrugs InterAct Producing Artistic Director Seth Rozin. "As it turns out, the play that we're moving in with is by far our most complicated and risky play of the bunch."

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Risky in the sense that any unproven play is risky, but also because Kristoffer Diaz's play offers "a lot of technical, stylistic, tonal, and dramaturgical challenges," according to Rozin. While it's proved challenging, a play like "#therevolution" may

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The hallway to the Proscenium Theatre at the Drake was left unpainted so audiences at the first shows could sign the wall. Artist Aaron Krolikowski created the background drawing based off the Drake's storied history. INTERACT THEATRE COMPANY

also be the most appropriate way for InterAct to christen its new digs.

"In some ways it worked out well in that it's a play that represents very well all the things that we're about: championing new work, new voices, diversity and big ideas," Rozin says. "Ultimately I feel good about it because it's signaling that InterAct isn't changing who we are when we go into our new space."

Viva la #revolution

The show "#therevolution," as its hashtag-laden title implies, focuses on the satiric aftermath of a social media-driven revolution. The show stars Brett Ashley Robinson and Mary Tuomanen as two young women forced to grapple with the burden of power after leading an uprising. InterAct previously mounted a successful production of Diaz's pro wrestling-themed "The Elaborate Entrance of Chad Deity," the only show since settling at the Adrienne where physical demands forced them to find an alternate venue.

Like that production, "#therevolution" comes with staging demands that InterAct simply couldn't have realized in its old home. Space is only one benefit, however; the move also gives the company more freedom to control all aspects of the audience experience, according to Rozin. The Drake will also provide a home for PlayPenn, Simpatico Theatre Project, Azuka Theatre and Inis Nua Theatre, making it "a spiritual and artistic hub for the new play community," Rozin says.

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Tim Robbins heads back to prison

The Oscar-winner talks about his new drama "A Perfect Day" and his acting troupe's Prison Project.

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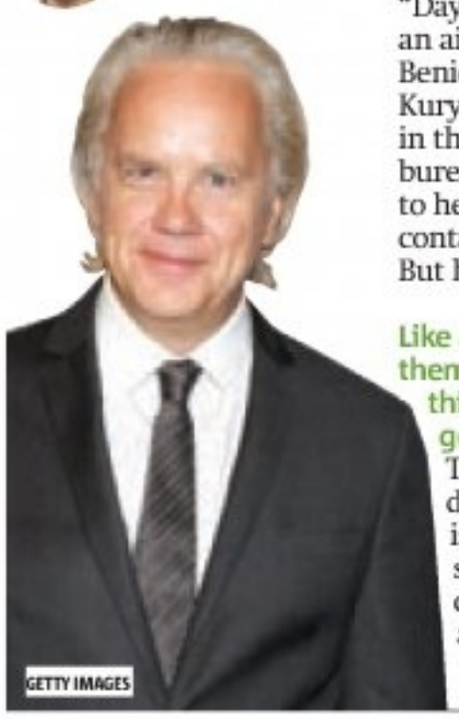

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Tim Robbins isn't your typical message-mongering liberal. From "Bob Roberts" and "Dead Man Walking" to the new "A Perfect Day," the actor-filmmaker is attracted to complexity, sometimes even playing the bad guys. His character in "Day" is a good guy: He's an aid worker (along with Benicio del Toro and Olga Kurylenko) in the Balkans in the mid-'90s, fighting bureaucratic red tape to help a village with a contamination problem. But he's no saint.

Like a lot of politically-themed films you make, this isn't merely about good messages.

The fact that a script is dealing with an issue isn't enough for me to say yes. It has to meet certain criteria as far as how it's telling the story. From the very start with my theater company, we would get material that reflects on society. We were always looking for what is ironic about them, what it is that's humorous, and what is it about the other person's point of view that is legitimate. It's really important that your good intentions don't lead you into a didacticism that would undermine the subject matter.

Is that why you've often played characters who believe things you don't, like the right-wing politician in "Bob Roberts" or the Apartheid police officer in "Catch a Fire"?

Yes. And those are always very challenging. On "Catch a Fire," part of my homework was hanging out with the guys who did the torturing and policing during Apartheid. You have to find the reasons why people behaved in those abhorrent ways. I don't think it gets you very far if you say, "Well, this guy's just pure evil."

Tim Robbins plays an aid worker in the Balkans trying to save a village from water contamination in "A Perfect Day," now on VOD. IFC FILMS

You've been busy lately with The Prison Project, which your troupe, The Actors' Gang, launched in 2006. It gives inmates acting classes, and this year you're expanding into eight prisons. America is quite bad at rehabilitating prisoners.

We are bad at that. It's getting better. I've found [the program] is truly transformative, not only for the prisoners but for the Actors' Gang members. It's something that teaches them, sometimes for the first time, to work together with disparate elements. Our classes are integrated across racial barriers, and along gang barriers. When you have a white supremacist and a member from the Bloods bonding over an emotion by playing characters, there's a deep connection that happens that is more meaningful than what they've had in the past. Sometimes for the first time you see what was a segregated yard become more integrated.

Did this subject become even more of interest to you after doing films about prisoners?

It was the prison guards in "Shawshank" who told me what was wrong with the prison system. These are conservative, salt-of-the-earth, probably Republican prison guards who were telling me there should be two separate prisons: one for violent offenders, and one for nonviolent offenders. The guards described prison as essentially crime school — for nonviolent offenders to maybe exit prison a violent offender.

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This area of the city is certainly not lacking when it comes to steakhouse selection, but Urban Farmer's goal is to offer a fresh take on the winning formula. Shaking off the staid surroundings of the Fountain, the dining room has been outfitted with an open kitchen, an expansive bar and a blend of flea market-sourced art, pickle jar-lined walls and splashes of neon.

Pre-dinner drinks

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After the meal

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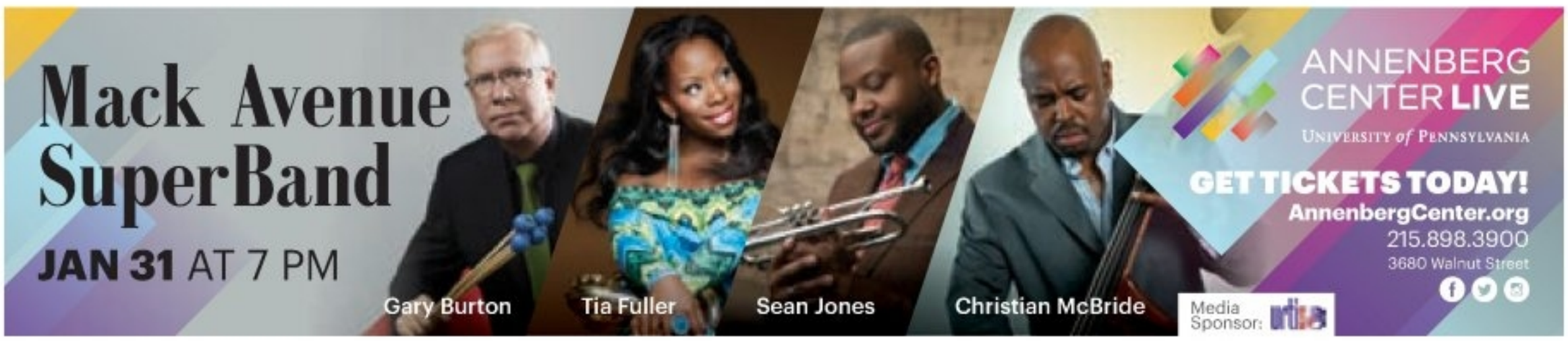

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Alessia Cara's anti-party party anthem, "Here," was inarguably the most ironically cool tune of the summer — landing her in the top 25 of Rolling Stone's best songs of 2015, coming in as runner-up in the BBC's "Sound Of" competition and dueting with Taylor Swift on the 1989 tour stop in Tampa. Plus, Drake's a fan.

The 19-year-old singer-songwriter (born Alessia Caracciolo) was discovered via YouTube, where she uploaded raspy, soulful covers from her Toronto bedroom before she was swept into a series of successes leading to her November full-length release of "Know-It-All" from Def Jam Records. Cara is now set to headline her first-ever North American tour through April .

We caught up with Cara from her hometown before her tour kicked off.

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Alessia Cara's "Know-It-All" tour brings her to Philly on Jan. 23. MEREDITH TRUAX

You're rumored to have started using YouTube to overcome your shyness, and now you're performing in front of a crowd almost every night. What has that been like?
Doing YouTube really helped because I was always in this weird phase where I wanted to do music, but I was always too scared. It helped me get through that because I was still singing for people and they were hearing me sing, but I didn't have to be in front of them yet. It helped me break down that barrier I was hiding behind.

Do you ever get stage fright?
I think it's nerves than fear. Before I was scared to [perform], but now I'm not so much scared as much as I am nervous.

Do you ever watch your old YouTube videos?
I'll go back and watch them sometimes, but not for too long. It's just kind of awkward and weird. But I don't ever get tempted to take them down, because they're there for a reason and they show the progression [of my work]. I like having them in my archives.

Do you feel like you have to fulfill this role as of "loner" or "antisocial" because of "Here"?
I never really claimed to be that, you know? I think people assume that's what I am because I say "antisocial pessimist" one time. But I guess a lot of those people don't really pay attention to the lyrics and aren't really hearing what I'm trying to say. I don't think I was ever that, and I don't think I ever have to be that because that's not what I am.

I heard the host of the party from "Here" knows the song is about him.
Yeah, he's one of my friends, actually. He knows it's about him and I don't think he cares. We all think it's kind of funny.

"I'm Yours" is sort of an anti-love love song. What made you to take that route?
I think whenever you hear of someone falling in love, it's like, "Oh, I'm so happy to be falling in love!" But I think a lot of the time, for me anyway, you don't want that. You get to that place where you're happy being by yourself, and someone comes along and ruins that in a way. Even though they're nice and awesome, that still kind of sucks.

What's the best industry advice you've received?
The best advice has probably been from my parents. They always tell me to take things a day at a time instead of thinking so far ahead. Having that day-by-day reminder has been really good.

You're at the point where a lot of your friends must be off at college. Is it weird for you being in different life places?
We're all doing our own things and it may seem like mine is more exciting, but it's only exciting for me because it's my dream. My best friend is studying psychology and the other is studying teaching, but I feel like if they were doing [what I'm doing], it wouldn't be fun for them because they're not into music.

What do you wish people knew about YouTube fame?
A lot of people think it just happens overnight. For me, I was posting videos for three years before anyone even noticed and my videos still never went viral. I think people assume it happens quickly, but it takes time and you have to work for it. It doesn't just appear out of nowhere.

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MUSIC

Guster

Saturday, 8 p.m.
Fillmore Philadelphia
29 E. Allen St.
$31
www.thefillmorephilly.com
Relentless tourers and all-around cool guys Guster stop by to support their January 2015 release "Evermotion," another notch in the belt for these jam-pop pros. Lead singer of the Old 97s, Rhett Miller, opens, supporting his May 2015 release, "Traveler."

COMEDY

Mark Normand

Thursday through Sunday
Helium Comedy Club
2031 Sansom St.
From $26
www.heliumcomedy.com
Comedian Mark Normand has a goofy, observational style that works well with audiences of Conan and John Oliver, with whom he's worked. He was also named a "Comic to Watch" by Comedy Central in 2011, and hosts a podcast featuring rotating comedians called "We're All Friends Here!"

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FILM

Rare Animation

Friday, 8 p.m.
Fleisher Art Memorial
719 Catharine St.
$8, www.fleisher.org
Secret Cinema presents a night of rarely seen animated features from the distant past of Hollywood's heyday. These 16mm films include vintage reels from cartoon studios such as Van Beuren, Charles Mintz and Terrytoons, making for a surreal and beautiful selection of animation.

OPERA

"L'amore dei tre re"

Saturday through Jan. 26
Kimmel Center
300 S. Broad St.
From $54
www.kimmelcenter.org
This libretto, written by Sem Benelli, is an old American favorite about love, royalty and infidelity in the Italian Dark Ages. Although formerly heavily favored in the U.S., the opera hasn't been seen in Philadelphia since 1960. Enjoy the revival, alongside the AVA Opera Orchestra.

THEATER

"The End of Everything Ever"

Thursday through Sunday
Painted Bride Art Center
230 Vine St.
From $14
www.papayalive.org
Based on the true stories of Kindertransport in pre-WWII Germany, this play — from PAPAYA by way of New International Encounter — follows a 6-year-old girl as she boards the train to Britain and mistakenly destroys her identification papers. The performance features a six-piece band and multiple languages and is appropriate for young teens.

"Harvey"

Through March 6
Walnut Street Theatre
825 Walnut St.
From $55
www.walnutstreettheatre.org
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MUSIC

Hurry

Thursday, 8 p.m.
Boot & Saddle
1131 S. Broad St.
From $5
www.bootandsaddlephilly.com
Independent Philly label Lame-O Records presents a series of label showcases. This third evening of four is headlined by local noise-rock band Hurry and supported by label-mates Loose Tooth and Cherry, rounding out the night with punk and grunge.

Sissy Hop

Thursday, 10 p.m.
Dolphin Tavern
1539 S Broad St.
$5, www.dolphinphilly.com
Presented by Philly's Dame Luz (a.k.a. Cutn Paste), Sissy Hop is a unique night of DJing, featuring groove, queer pop, rock and soul from a range of past decades. This dance party is also a safe space, so bring your dancing shoes with you and leave your worries at home.

Cayetana

Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
PhilaMOCA
531 N. 12th St.
$10, www.philamoca.org
This Philly trio plays affecting and expansive punk rock. They claim to be relatively inexperienced instrumentalists, but their songs belie a deep sense of intuition for the pacing and feeling of the music. Tonight they release their EP, "Tired Eyes."

FOOD

French Bistro

Thursday, 6 p.m.
The Free Library of Philadelphia
1901 Vine St.
$20, www.freelibrary.org
Betty Kaplan leads a course in classic French bistro recipes, including French cheese puffs, chicken supremes with shallots and wine cream sauce and apple tarte tatine. Learn how to make these delicious dishes, and then enjoy the fruits of your labor.

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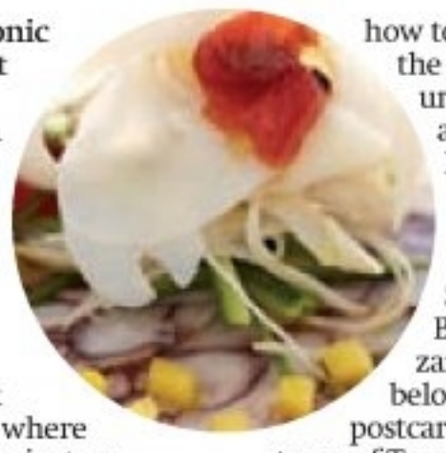
4 New skills you can learn while traveling

If your 2016 resolutions included picking up a new skill, these hotels and destinations can help make the most of your vacation — and send you home with a brand new talent.

Fodor's Travel

1 Taking better photos

As Instagram addicts know, pictures today are worth more than a thousand words — they often take the place of words altogether. To help improve your shooting skills, hotels around the world offer expert-led photography experiences. The just-opened **Hotel Taconic** in Vermont has partnered with award-winning local shutterbug Lee Jorgensen to lead excursions to Equinox Mountain, where he will offer instruction on getting the perfect shots — on both DLSRs and iPhones — in one of the state's most beautiful locations (starting at $90 an hour).



Following a popular photo trip to Antarctica last year, **Exclusive Resorts** has once again engaged National Geographic photographer Ralph Hopkins to lead a photo-focused trip — this time to the Galapagos, where he will teach you how to capture the islands' unique flora and wildlife (Sept. 17–26).

Meanwhile, on Sicily's Bay of Mazzaro, just below the postcard-perfect town of Taormina, guests of **Belmond Villa Sant'Andrea** can book a Food Photo experience that is part market visit and cooking class, part lesson on how to best plate, style and photograph food — useful skills, considering social media's obsession with what everyone is eating (prices vary).

2 Gardening

Want to cultivate your green thumb? Whether you live in an apartment or on acres of land, it's possible to grow things to use in your kitchen — you just have to know how to work the soil you have.

Located in the heart of Tuscany, **Rosewood Castiglion del Bosco's** two-hour vegetable gardening class — operated out of its La Canonica Cooking School and limited to six participants — is led by the on-staff ortolano, or market gardener, who will reveal how best to sow seeds, how and when to water and how to work seasonally.

On the Caribbean island of Anguilla, **CuisinArt Golf Resort & Spa** features an onsite hydroponic farm growing everything from kale, tomatoes and eggplant to herbs like parsley, mint, lavender and chervil. Dr. Howard Resh, who oversees the farm production, can teach guests the basics of hydroponic farming and gardening, including tips on the best conditions to grow certain types of produce.

If your gardening skills get so strong that you end the season with extra bounty, a hotel can help with that too: **Omni Bedford Springs**, in Bedford, Pennsylvania, has a canning class that lets guests pick veggies from the onsite garden, then teaches them how to can and preserve products for use throughout the year.

Step up your gardening game. ALL PHOTOS PROVIDED

3 Meditation

Disconnected, centered, focused, zoned-out — whatever you call it, sometimes it's important just to be quiet. Learn the basics of meditation with a guided lesson at Napa Valley's **Solage Calistoga**, during which the instructor might incorporate fresh herbs (to engage the senses of touch and smell) and Tibetan singing bowls to encourage relaxation.

Reconnecting with nature can also help quiet the mind, reengage the inner self and even improve health. Near Playa del Carmen, Mexico, **Sandos Caracol Eco Resort's** Path of the Senses experience includes a barefoot and blindfolded guided jungle walk to encourage introspection and positive thoughts, while Forest Bathing — offered at hotels like **L'Auberge de Sedona** in Arizona and **The Mayflower Grace** in Connecticut — takes you to the forest for a series of contemplative activities, from journaling to targeted meditation.

4 Healthy cooking

Eating better is a perennial New Year's resolution, and in 2016, these spots can help take it from to-do list to reality. At the Cayman Islands' **Le Soleil d'Or**, a unique farm-to-table wellness resort, guests can get tips on how to best select produce during a tour of the 20-acre organic garden, then work side-by-side with the chef to learn how to prepare fresh and healthful dishes.

In California, **The Ranch at Live Oak** boot-camp offers an offshoot Culinary Experience led by chef Nina Curtis that focuses just on healthful eating. Available in three- or five-day courses, the hands-on workshop covers topics like soups and stocks, sauces and dry-heat cooking, as well as proper knife skills, kitchen organization and garden cultivation. Accommodations are not included, although the ranch can recommend area hotels.

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Do transforming Eagles expect to make the playoffs next season?

Doug Pederson thinks he can get the most out of an already talented roster and make the postseason.

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The Eagles went 7-9 in 2015 and missed the playoffs. They jettisoned their head coach, Chip Kelly. and brought in Doug Pederson and what appears to be a mostly new coaching staff.

The team is in a period of change yet again. So that means they are rebuilding, right?

"There are some pieces to work on and we have to try and get back," Pederson told the media Tuesday. "In free agency you know you will lose some and gain some. I think the nucleus of this football team is very good and structured very well. There is some talent here. I think you can out yourself in position not only to win the East but to go deep in the postseason."

A bold goal for a first-time head coach, but not an unreasonable one. With the exception of the current season and of 2012, every one of the past 10 seasons saw a rookie (first-time) head coach lead a team to the playoffs, including Chip Kelly with the Birds in 2013.

Pederson is not short on postseason experience. Though he did not play, he won a Super Bowl as a backup quarterback as a member of the Packers.

He also has been an assistant for Andy Reid for the past seven seasons, a coach who is no stranger to the playoffs.

"Andy Reid is a mentor," Pederson said. "But this is not an Andy Reid football team and it isn't a Doug Pederson football team, it's a Philadelphia football team. I am going to put my spin on it and bring my personality on it and we are going to make it our team."

Beginner's luck

These 11 head coaches have made the playoffs during their first year calling the shots in the NFL:

2015: Mike McCoy, Chargers
2013: Chip Kelly, Eagles
2011: Jim Harbaugh, 49ers
2009: Rex Ryan, Jets
2009: Jim Caldwell, Colts
2008: John Harbaugh, Ravens
2008: Mike Smith, Falcons
2008: Tony Sparano, Dolphins
2007: Mike Tomlin, Steelers
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2006: Eric Mangini, Jets

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Flyers hope to prevent slump

Was Tuesday's flop against the Maple Leafs a fluke for the Flyers?

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The Flyers are clawing their way back into contention with some recent solid play. GETTY IMAGES

The Flyers have been playing spectacular hockey of late, with the third-best record in the NHL lifting the squad back into playoff contention.

But they suffered their first regulation setback in quite some time back on Tuesday against the Maple Leafs (a team beneath them in the standings). More troubling than the loss is their play on the ice, play that saw the Flyers failing to win a majority of 50-50 pucks and a bevy of costly giveaways both in and out of the defensive zone.

"We're going to have games like that," Flyers captain Claude Giroux said, sounding like a true locker room leader after the 3-2 loss. "Eighty-two games are a lot of games, but we're going to have games like this. We just can't have too many. We're going to have games that we aren't going to play well or we aren't going to be playing the right way. But the last seven games, we have been playing some good hockey."

One loss is nothing to worry about — losses happen. But the Flyers are about to embark on a stretch of five straight games against teams in the Eastern Conference ahead of them in the division (with a break for the All-Star Game on January 31). Sitting in 12th place but just three points out of eighth in the East and a Wild Card spot, these upcoming points are majorly important.

"It is not time to hit the panic button," Giroux said. "I think obviously we need to look at some video and see what we did wrong. We can't change the way we are playing. We have been successful playing this way. We just need to touch up some things."

The Flyers have routinely — during their recent hot streak of play — found themselves behind heading into the third period. Philly seems to be a team that lives by the comeback. Is it a style of play they can maintain?

"I think even the last 10 games we have, or the last seven or eight games, we've been playing pretty good hockey," Matt Read said. "I think we have the confidence in this locker room that if we're down a goal we can come back and give ourselves a chance to win the game."

"Yeah things are going, we're getting points in the last five games," Shayne Gostisbehere said, "so I mean we got a little complacent there at the end and we can't think like that if we want to be a playoff team."

Flyers seek ninth straight win vs. Penguins

In a few months from now, the Flyers and Penguins could be battling each other for the Eastern Conference's final playoff spot.

For now, a few games out of playoff positioning and behind Pittsburgh in the standings, the Flyers are looking forward to facing their in-state rivals Thursday (at 7 p.m. on CSN) in the first of four meetings this season.

Can they shake off a dreary 12-giveaway performance in their recent regulation loss to the lowly Maple Leafs?

"I hope so," Matt Read, who notched a goal Tuesday night in a 3-2 loss, said. "Obviously we didn't play the way we wanted to play tonight and we have to put this one behind us, learn from it, watch video, and find the things we did wrong out there and figure it out quickly. If we play like that it's going to be a rough next couple of games for us."

There does not seem to be a sense of urgency for Philly, however, which faces five opponents in a row from the East who are positioned ahead in the win column.

"I haven't woken up one day thinking about who's ahead of us or behind us in the standings I'm worried about the two points that are at hand," Flyers head coach Dave Hakstol said.

The Flyers hold a 150-93-90 record. vs. Pittsburgh.

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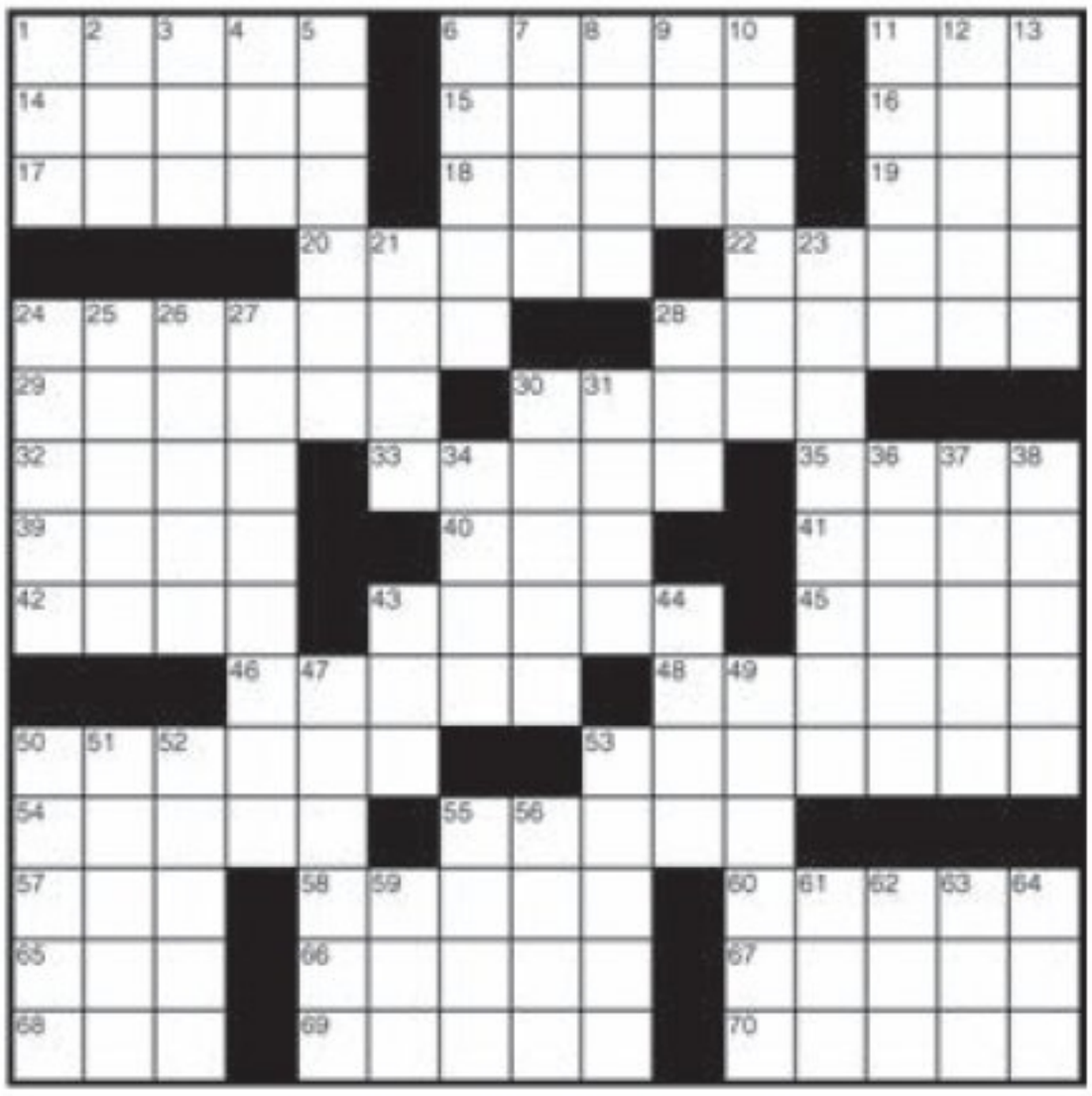

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39 Like some china
40 Bad, for Yves
41 — d'etat
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43 Gulf nation
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48 They may be snowy
50 Go ashore
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Aries Be ready to leap into action if something unexpected develops. It's your ability to act quickly that will guide you to success. Talking will lead to conflict.

Taurus Talk with people who see things your way. Your ability to relay a workable solution will put you in a key position. A little muscle behind your plan is all that's required.

Gemini Deal with any controversy you face or problems that are affecting your home and relationships. If you fail to take action, someone else will put you in a precarious position.

Cancer Speak up and be willing to stand behind your ideas. Having a well-thought-out plan and the wherewithal to make it a reality will boost your confidence and your popularity.

Leo Strive for personal perfection. You can make improvements that will be admired by others and that can contribute to a better lifestyle. Make every move count.

Virgo Look at the possibilities, and think about one of your bigger ideas until you have flushed out all the flaws. Be creative, but don't lose sight of reality. Balance will be required.

Libra You need time to reflect and work quietly behind the scenes until you are fully ready to take on the task of getting others to support your plans.

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Sagittarius Emotional matters will escalate if you try to hide from problems. You are best off facing whatever dilemma comes your way head-on, so that you can move forward.

Capricorn Step into the spotlight and share your ideas. You will face opposition, but once you weed out who isn't on board, you can regroup and aim for success.

Aquarius Don't make waves, start fights or disrupt a situation that can have an impact on your future. Look for alternatives instead of walking away from a problem.

Pisces Not everyone will like your plans. Your presentations must be persuasive if you want to gain the approval you need to forge ahead.

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Clues:

- Three-time NBA champion with the Heat
- The Round Mound of Rebound
- He spent 18 seasons with the Jazz
- He was born in 1978 and won an NBA Finals series in 2011
- 12-time NBA All-Star who passed away in September 2015
- Current chairman of the Charlotte Hornets
- He transferred from the Thunder to the Rockets in 2012
- The youngest player in NBA history to reach 30,000 career points
- The Big Dipper
- The Celtics have retired his #14 jersey
- Between 2009 and 2010, he played with the Cavaliers
- Born in 1990, he's spent his NBA career to date with the Wizards
- He had a brief spell with the UK's Brighton Bears after his NBA career
- He coached the Pacers between 1997 and 2000

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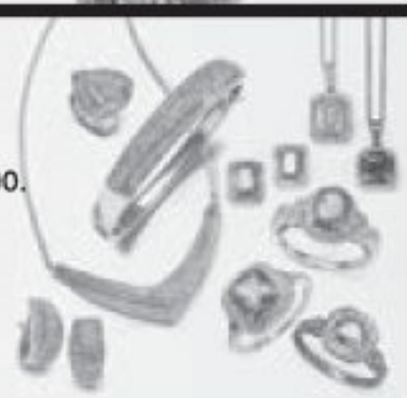

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